

'Floodlit Cup' But No Lights

By "CHILTERN"

Maidenhead United 0, Wycombe Wanderers 1

WHAT could well have been a dull Wycombe Floodlit Cup, second leg, game at Maidenhead on Tuesday night was given a shot in the arm by the needle that always hovers around when these two sides meet.

But to call it a floodlit cup game is farcical. Maidenhead's lights had been taken down, and the game ended in the rainy dusk. And I think this is the first cup game I have been to where the home side did not bother to get out a programme.

It was the fourth encounter between the two clubs this season.

It was about as unthrilling as the other three.

Wycombe's chances were not enhanced when Gale and Roystone arrived too late to play after being held up in the traffic.

Left-winger Brian French had to drop into the right-back position where he played a stormer. After the game he shrugged off his brilliant performance with: "Well, I once played at full-back before."

Stuart Thompson played at left-half for Charlie Gale.

As always there was a lot of hacking going on between the two sides. And late in the second-half there was a nasty incident when Len Worley kicked out as he was flattened by Hatt and Brinsden.

He was warned by the referee. But to my way of thinking Hatt deserved anything he received after committing a tackle like that one. The free-kick was awarded to Wycombe.

MISSED CHANCES

Wycombe's goal came under early pressure, and Wycombe also missed easy chances in the first-half that must be credited to Maidenhead.

Bates had a shocker until the interval, and Horseman and Samuels were the best first-half triers. Both were always ready to have a go, and several times they brought magnificent saves out of Reynolds.

The second-half started early due to the bad light. It was in the 60th minute that Horseman burst through and shot home from an oblique angle after a throw in on the left.

Worley showed some fine touches in the second-half, and on two occasions Samuels almost converted his crosses into goals.

If Worley lost his temper he can be excused. Each time he tried a run he either ended on the grass over the touchline or went through with rapped ankles.

Warrilow had hard luck in the last minute when he headed against the Wycombe bar with Wells beaten.